Finger Prints of Inmates in Tihar Jail

2412. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail has undertaken a pilot project where scanners will take finger prints of the inmate every time he leaves or enters the jail, if so, the details of the project;

(b) whether the above project will also cover the visitors; and

(c) how far it will help to control jail breaks and in tracking down of the accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have installed on an experimental basis Biometric Finger Indentification system in one of the jails of the Tihar Jail Complex which enables every prisoner to be photographed alongwith his/her fingerprints.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This System is expected to help proper identification of the prisoners ordered to be released and also identify the repeat-prisoners.

Talks with Naga Militants

2413. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had initiated any discussion with the Naga militants which have become active in North-Eastern States, to bring them into the mainstream and if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that annual Budget for Naga militants is about 35 crore and if so, whether Government have tried to find the sources from which that amount comes and if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken to stop such assistance; and

(c) how long the cease fire with Naga militants would continue?